

"LIBERTY AND UNION, NOW AND FOREVER, ONE AND  
INSEPARABLE."

## THE EMANCIPATION EDICT.

Where the President has no control over the law of any relation, his sole authority over that relation must result from actual force applied under stress of military necessity. And this actual force may be legitimately applied whenever necessary or whenever it is necessary to enforce the laws. If, then, the President, instead of assuming to declare slaves free, had announced his purpose, in conducting the war within certain districts, to hold and treat all slaves as free, so far they should come

That they *will* cease to be such, by mere force and effect of the new proclamation, is a dogma to which the political theorists who favor this proclamation are pledged. That our readers may be in a position to judge these theorists, we quote the following statement of the great expectations founded on the

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Gen. Burnside, it will be seen, distinctly gives his opinion that something more than the military ability of Gen. McClellan was essential to his success as a commander. It was also necessary that he should have the confidence and support of the

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